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## November 29, 2006

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Portals II 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Suite TW-A325 Washington, DC 20554

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45, USF Certification as Required by 47 C.F.R.

§§ 54.313 and 54.314 for the year 2006 U.S. Cellular Corporation (SAC 109002)

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

On September 28, 2006, the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) filed a letter certifying U.S. Cellular Corporation's ("U.S. Cellular") compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. We inadvertently failed to also certify U.S. Cellular's compliance with 47 C.F.R. § 54.313. We now clarify that the earlier letter was intended to certify U.S. Cellular's compliance with both 47 C.F.R. § 54.313 and 47 C.F.R. § 54.314. We apologize for our mistake and for any inconvenience it has caused. We respectfully request that you accept this letter as a timely correction and clarification of the earlier letter so that U.S. Cellular's high-cost support is not interrupted.

As we stated in our September 28, 2006 letter, we certify that to the best of our knowledge, the federal high-cost support funds provided to U.S. Cellular are being used only for the provision, maintenance, upgrading and extension of facilities and services for which the support is intended as provided by Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The MPUC's Certification of Compliance with 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313 and 54.314 is based on the representations made by U.S. Cellular in a letter filed June 30, 2006 (which was attached to the September 28, 2006 letter).

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, I would be happy to discuss them with you at your convenience. I may be reached at (207) 287-1392.

Sincerely,

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